WORK GROUP MEETING SUMMARIES

BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group Draft Meeting Summary July 21, 1998

The BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group was held on Tuesday, July 21 at the Resources Building in Room 1131 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Conservation Strategy

Tiki Baron (FWS) provided a brief status report on the Conservation Strategy. Participants discussed the draft species lists and draft Conservation Strategy goals. Many participants agreed that it is very important to have some form of a "safe harbor" concept as an assurance for landowners.

Conservation Strategy Schedule:

- A revised species list and goals for the Conservation Strategy will be prepared for the September 8 ERWG meeting.
- The Conservation Strategy will be a major topic of discussion in the September BDAC meeting in Stockton.
- The Conservation Strategy framework will be completed by the end of August for inclusion in the Revised Draft EIS/EIR to be released this Winter.

Strategic Plan

Dick Daniel, Peter Kiel and Steve Chainey (Strategic Plan project manager - Jones & Stokes Associates) provided an update on the development of the Strategic Plan. The Work Group reviewed and commented on some draft Strategic Plan products including a revised outline of plan, ecosystem restoration goals, the adaptive management approach, and a discussion paper on conceptual models.

There was considerable discussion on the Strategic Plan products by meeting participants. In general, participants were happy with the Core Team's first products and found the draft sections informative. Many participants expressed concern that the near-term restoration process is not sufficiently integrated with long-term restoration planning of the Strategic Plan. There was a recommendation that the Core Team provide guidance to near-term project selection.

A completed draft Strategic Plan will be mailed to the Work Group for discussion at the September 8 meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group is Tuesday, September 8, 1:30 p.m., in Room 1404-17 of the Resources Building. The meeting discussion will focus on the draft Strategic Plan.



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